

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A message delivery system having a client system acquiring a delivery message from a server unit by requesting to transmit the delivery message in the server unit in compliance with a notification ~~from which~~ the server unit transmits to the client system on the server unit's own initiative,

wherein the client system includes: a received message storing means-for storing-portion which stores a delivery message information received from the server unit[[.]]; and an instruction and message acquisition requesting means-for informing-portion which informs the server unit of a succeeding message acquiring request, if a succeeding message is present, and a process instructing request for the delivery message whose reception is completed when reception of the delivery message from the server unit is completed; and

wherein the server unit includes: a delivery message storing means-for storing-portion which stores the delivery message to be transmitted to the client system[[.]]; and message processing means-for transmitting-portion which transmits a succeeding message stored in the delivery message storing means to the client system in compliance with a request from the client system and then processing-processes the delivery message whose reception is completed.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein by instructing to delete from the delivery message storing means-portion of the server unit as the process for the delivery message whose reception is completed, the message processing means-portion deletes the delivery message, which is informed by the client system

and whose reception is completed, from the delivery message storing ~~means~~portion in compliance with an instruction from the client system.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The message delivery system according to claim 2, wherein the server unit holds the delivery message stored in the delivery message storing ~~means~~portion until its deletion is instructed by the client system, and then transmits the same delivery message once again when it receives an acquiring request from the client system.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein the server unit further includes a processed message storing ~~means for storing~~portion which stores the messages delivered to the client system and wherein, by instructing to move from the delivery message storing ~~means~~portion of the server unit as the process for the delivery message whose reception is completed, the message processing ~~means~~portion moves the delivery message, which is informed by the client system and whose reception is completed, from the delivery message storing ~~means~~portion to the processed message storing ~~means~~portion in compliance with an instruction from the client system.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The message delivery system according to claim 4, wherein the server unit holds the delivery message stored in the delivery message storing ~~means~~portion until its movement is instructed by the client system, and then transmits the same delivery message once again when it receives an acquiring request from the client system.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A message delivery system according to claim 1, further comprising a message instruction requesting ~~means for informing~~portion which

informs the server unit of only a process instruction request for the delivery message whose reception is completed when there is no succeeding message.